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APPROVED BY ARA - MR. DEVINE
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L - MR. FIELDS (INFO)
SCS - MR. DAVIS (INFO)

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TO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS STATE 107670

BUENOS AIRES FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:CASC BL

SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA

REF: STATE 106168, 106247

1. AS MENTIONED PARA 3 STATE 106168, SENATOR BENTSEN'S
OFFICE HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. PLEASE NOTE THAT SENATOR
HEINZ HAS ALSO JOINED IN SENDING THIS MESSAGE (WHICH WAS
DICTATED OVER TELEPHONE TO ARA BY SENATOR BENTSEN'S AIDE
ON MAY 10).

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:
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MR. SECRETARY:

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OF AMERICAN CITIZENS INCARCERATED IN THAT COUNTRY. AS
YOU MAY BE AWARE, THE PARENTS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN

BOLIVIA ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT WILL GENERATE SUBSTANTIAL PUBLICITY ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE NEED TO CONTROL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS AND UNDERSTAND THE LIMITATIONS ON OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE BOLIVIAN JUDICIAL PROCESS, WE DO FEEL THAT A CONVINCING CASE CAN BE MADE THAT MANY OF THESE AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE HAD THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATED AND BEEN DENIED DUE PROCESS UNDER BOLIVIAN LAW. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO OBTAIN THE PROMPT RELEASE OR DEPORTATION OF THOSE PRISONERS WHOSE RECENT SENTENCES QUALIFY THEM FOR RELEASE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE YOU WILL RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN HELD WITHOUT TANGIBLE EVIDENCE AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENTENCED. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PRISONERS, WE FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR PROMPT ADJUDICATION OF THEIR CASES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR TALKS IN BOLIVIA. SINCERELY, LLOYD BENTSEN AND JOHN HEINZ.

3. INTERIM REPLY BEING SENT TO SENATORS BENTSEN AND HEINZ STATING THAT DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED MESSAGE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. CHRISTOPHER

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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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BRASILIA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 107670 ACTION LA PAZ INFO BUENOS AIRES
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